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United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the solemn commitment of all States to promote universal respect for and observance and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[1] and reaffirming also the commitment of States to fulfil their obligations under other relevant instruments relating to international law, including international human rights law,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[2] in which the Heads of State and Government welcomed the Alliance of Civilizations initiative announced by the Secretary-General on 14 July 2005 and committed themselves to promoting a culture of peace and dialogue at the local, national, regional and international levels, recalling also its resolution 64/14 of 10 November 2009, in which it welcomed the efforts of the Secretary-General and his High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations to promote this agenda, and recalling further the guiding principles of the Alliance outlined in the report of the High-level Group for the Alliance of Civilizations of 13 November 2006,

[1] Resolution 217 A (III).
[2] See resolution 60/1.

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Taking note of the adoption of the Regional Strategy for South-Eastern Europe and its two action plans, of the Regional Strategy on Intercultural Dialogue and Cooperation for the Mediterranean and its two action plans, of the Regional Strategy for Latin America, of the Unified Arab Strategy for Dialogue of Civilizations and of the conclusion of two regional consultations for Asia and the Pacific,

Reaffirming its resolutions 69/174 and 69/175 of 18 December 2014 and other relevant General Assembly resolutions,

Recalling the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity,[3]

Acknowledging the diversity of the world and the fact that all cultures and civilizations contribute to the enrichment of humankind, recognizing the importance of respect and understanding for religious and cultural diversity throughout the world, and encouraging tolerance, respect, dialogue and cooperation among different cultures, civilizations and peoples,

Mindful of the importance of intercultural and interreligious dialogue in promoting tolerance and reconciliation in matters relating to peaceful coexistence between cultures, religions and beliefs, and emphasizing the role of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations in advancing this agenda within the United Nations system and in cooperation with relevant agencies of the United Nations system within their respective mandates, and with Governments and civil society,

Recognizing the role of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in intercultural dialogue and its contribution to interreligious dialogue, as well as its activities relating to the culture of peace and non-violence and its focus on concrete actions at the global, regional and subregional levels,

Deeply concerned about the scourges of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in all their forms and manifestations,

Reaffirming that violent extremism constitutes a serious common concern for all Member States, threatening the security and well-being of societies, that there is no justification for violent extremism, whatever the motivation, and that violent extremism, in all its forms and manifestations, cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic group,

Underlining the importance of moderation as a value within societies for contributing to the promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, tolerance, understanding and cooperation, and encouraging efforts, as appropriate, to enable voices of moderation to be heard,

Welcoming the collaboration between the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations and the relevant bodies and entities within the United Nations system in their efforts to prevent violent extremism within their respective mandates, and in this regard emphasizing the importance of its resolutions 68/276 of 13 June 2014 and 68/127 of 18 December 2013,

Recognizing the role of national parliaments and their active contribution at the international and regional levels for the achievement of the goals of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations for the benefit of all citizens,

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[3] United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Thirty-first Session, Paris, 15 October-3 November 2001*, vol. 1 and corrigendum, *Resolutions*, sect. V, resolution 25, annex I.

1. *Reaffirms its support* for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, an initiative of the Secretary-General, supported by a voluntary trust fund with no financial implications for the regular budget of the United Nations, and reiterates the valuable role of the Alliance in promoting greater understanding and respect among civilizations, cultures, religions and beliefs;

2. *Acknowledges* the leadership and contributions of Spain and Turkey as co-sponsors of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations;

3. *Recognizes* that the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations grows stronger through increased programmatic and financial reporting and through consultation with its Group of Friends;

4. *Stresses* the importance of the role of focal points in contributing to and guiding the work of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, and encourages a more proactive interaction between the Alliance and focal points;

5. *Reaffirms its political commitment* to the four pillars of activity of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, namely, youth, education, media and migration; acknowledges the work done in those areas; emphasizes its constructive role in promoting the values of conflict prevention, mediation and reconciliation; and encourages the Alliance to continue its work through a number of projects, in collaboration with Governments, international organizations, foundations and civil society groups, as well as the media;

6. *Welcomes* the results of the global forums of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, and expresses its appreciation for the efforts of host countries of the six global forums held to-date, in Spain, Turkey, Brazil, Qatar, Austria and Indonesia;

7. *Looks forward* to the forthcoming global forums of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, including the Seventh Global Forum, to be held in Azerbaijan in 2016;

8. *Supports* the development of regional processes to increase cooperation among countries on intercultural dialogue;

9. *Stresses* the importance of implementing the goals of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations at the national level through, inter alia, the implementation of national plans for intercultural dialogue, with the active leadership of Governments in collaboration with civil society;

10. *Encourages* the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations to continue, within its mandate, to assist Member States in their efforts to reaffirm the value of cultural diversity based on respect for the human rights of all individuals, mutual respect and understanding, and to continue its activities and projects to this end;

11. *Takes note* of the previous reports of the High Representative of the Secretary-General for the Alliance of Civilizations on the activities of the Alliance;[4]

12. *Expresses its continuing support* for the work of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations.

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[4] A/63/336 and A/63/914.